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1. IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS, I CALLED ON  
MS. BRIGITTA HAHN AUGUST 15 TO POSE QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN  
REF (A). HER REPLY WAS AS FOLLOWS:

2. MS. HAHN DID NOT RPT NOT MAKE PREPARATIONS TO GO TO U.S.  
TO INTERVIEW PEROFF. HER PURPOSE IN GOING TO U.S. WOULD HAVE  
BEEN TO INTERVIEW MR. FRANCIS P. O'NEILL, WHOM SHE DESCRIBED AS  
OWNER OF AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTORS (AID, INC.), ONLY  
IN THE EVENT THAT PEROFF WERE EXTRADITED. AT NO TIME HAD SHE  
PROPOSED THAT SHE QUESTION PEROFF WHILE HE WAS IN U.S. CUSTODY,  
MS. HAHN SAID. IT IS HER VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE IMPROPER TO DO  
SO, AS (ACCORDING TO HER) IT WOULD BE UNDER SWEDISH LAW IN THE  
CASE OF A SWEDISH CITIZEN HELD IN SWEDEN WHOM AN AMERICAN INVESTI-  
GATOR WISHED TO INTERROGATE. THEREFORE, SHE STATES SHE DECLINED  
INVITATION OF PEROFF'S LAWYER THAT SHE INTERVIEW PEROFF.

3. MS. HAHN DID NOT SEE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT AN INTERVIEW WITH  
PEROFF MIGHT RESULT IN CHARGES BEING DROPPED AGAINST HIM. SHE  
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HAD SUGGESTED TO PEROFF AND HIS AMERICAN LAWYER THAT IF THEY HAD  
ANY EVIDENCE WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN PEROFF'S DEFENSE, THAT THEY  
SHOULD PROVIDE IT TO THEIR SWEDISH ATTORNEY.

4. MS. HAHN STATES THAT SHE WAS NEVER ADVISED THAT THE USG WOULD  
NOT PERMIT HER TO INTERVIEW PEROFF; BASIC OBJECTION TO SUCH AN  
INTERVIEW, SHE ADDED, WAS HER OWN CONVICTION THAT IT WOULD BE

IMPROPER TO DO SO FOR REASONS OUTLINED IN PARA 2 ABOVE.

5. MAXIMUM SENTENCE IF PEROFF CONVICTED OF CHARGES AGAINST HIM WOULD BE SIX YEARS, WITH MINIMUM PENALTY OF SIX MONTHS. (HOWEVER, MS. HAHN ADDED THAT MINIMUM PENALTY HIGHLY UNLIKELY IN PEROFF'S CASE).

6. ACCORDING TO MS. HAHN, SHE HAS NOT HAD CONTACT WITH PEROFF OR HIS LAWYER SINCE AUGUST 1976.

7. AT THE END OF OUR MEETING, MS. HAHN REITERATED THAT NEITHER SHE NOR HER PREDECESSOR HAD REQUESTED INTERVIEW WITH PEROFF. SHE ADDED THAT SHE WOULD ONLY HAVE MADE TRIP TO U.S. IN THE EVENT THAT PEROFF WERE ACTUALLY EXTRADITED, AND THAT TRIP WOULD BE FOR PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING O'NEILL. SWEDISH AUTHORITIES, SHE SAID, BELIEVE THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER PERSONS, PROBABLY INCLUDING SWEDISH CITIZENS, ARE INVOLVED IN THE CASE AND SWEDES HOPED TO LEARN THEIR IDENTITY THROUGH QUESTIONING O'NEILL.

8. MS. HAHN SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED ME TO SAY THAT IN ONE OF HER CONVERSATIONS A YEAR AGO WITH PEROFF SHE HAD REMARKED THAT SHE WAS EAGER TO QUESTION HIM, MEANING AT SUCH TIME AS HE HAD BEEN HANDED OVER TO SWEDISH AUTHORITIES. PEROFF AND HIS LAWYER MAY HAVE MISINTERPRETED THIS REMARK TO MEAN THAT SHE WISHED TO QUESTION HIM WHILE HE WAS STILL IN U.S. CUSTODY, MS. HAHN ADDED.  
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